

## SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
January 18, 2001  
2:00PM  
Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Barnet, Mrs. Berry, Senator Bryan, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Everson, Dr. Gummerson, Mrs. Hoag, Mr. Martin, Senator Matthews, Mr. Staton, Supt. Tenenbaum, Mrs. Thompson, Rep. Townsend, Mr. Wilson

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Barnet welcomed members and guests to the meeting, including Mark Musick, Jim Watts and David Denton from the Southern Regional Education Board.

### II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 6 were approved as distributed.

### III. Subcommittee Reports

A. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He reviewed a comparison document detailing the EOC recommendations regarding EIA funds and the Governor's recommendations. He informed the Committee of the progress on three exploratory studies (Advanced Placement Programs, Four-Year-Old Child Development Programs and Act 135).

B. Parent Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. She discussed the progress on business incentives recommendations and asked for Committee approval. The Committee deferred action until members had time to study the full report.

C. Public Awareness: Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee, indicating that the community meetings were in progress.

D. Staff and Administration: Mr. Barnet reported on behalf of the Staff and Administration Subcommittee. He detailed recommendations regarding the Local Leadership Quality and Engagement Report. Mrs. Tenenbaum asked that the Study Team recommendation on the state superintendent be amended to provide for elimination of the constitutional office through referendum in 2002. The Committee discussed its recommendation to the General Assembly and asked the Staff and Administration Subcommittee to bring a revised recommendation to the February meeting.

Mr. Barnet also drew attention to the Report from the Division of Accountability and asked members to confirm the meeting dates on their schedules.

E. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. Action on ratings criteria for Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School was withdrawn. The Subcommittee proposed using cohort analyses for the improvement ratings in schools enrolling students in grades kindergarten through grade three only. The Subcommittee also proposed a revised "school grade" to serve as the composite rating. Each was approved.

### IV. Discussion of Retention Policies

Supt. Tenenbaum introduced Dr. David Denton who presented a comprehensive research review on retention (materials were provided to members).

V. Remarks from a Key Constituency

Donna Lipscomb, Principal of Cannons Elementary School, presented information on the progress students in the school have made through extended day programs, an instructional focus on the standards and extensive work with parents.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.